

REMARKS

This is intended as a full and complete response to the Restriction Requirement dated April 30, 2004, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on May 30, 2004. Please reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below.

Claims 30-32, 34, 36-39, 42, and 50-53 remain pending in the application and are shown above. Claims 30-32, 34, 36-39, 42, and 50-53 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement. Reconsideration of the restricted claims is requested for reasons presented below.

Applicants have amended claim 30 to more clearly illustrate the claimed subject matter. Applicants submit that the changes made herein do not introduce new matter.

Restriction to one of the following species is required under 35 U.S.C. §121:

- I. An electrolytic cell including a plurality of concentric anodes with an electrolyte solution channel between the anode segments and an anode base, and insulating members positionable or positioned between adjacent anode segments; and
- II. An electrolyte container with a plurality of non-concentric anodes wherein one anode segment is surrounded by another one of the anode segments and an electrical source coupled to each of the anode segments.

Applicants elect Group I with traverse. Applicants submit that claims 36-39, 42, and 50 are readable upon the species of Group I. Applicants submit that amended claim 30 is generic to the species of Group I (claims 36-39, 42, and 50) and the species of Group II (claims 51-53). Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the restriction requirement and consideration of claims 30-32, 34, 36-39, 42, and 50-53.

Having addressed all issues set out in the Restriction Requirement, Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request that the claims be allowed.

Respectfully submitted,



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